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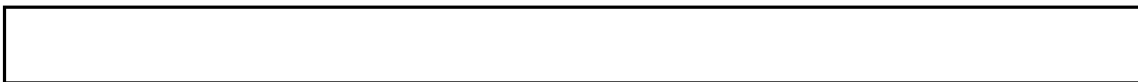
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China-USSR: (The Chinese Communists are apparently moving ahead with plans to solidify regional groupings of their supporters in the increasingly fragmented Communist movement.)

(A meeting of leaders of pro-Chinese factions of all Western European Communist parties will reportedly be held in Tirana in early September. The meeting has reportedly been organized at the instigation of the pro-Chinese leaders in the Belgian Communist Party.)

(Jacques Grippa, the dissident leader of the small pro-Chinese wing of the Belgian party, has been in Tirana since 14 July. Franco Mofese, leader of the pro-Mao Italia-China Friendship Association who was expelled from the Italian Communist Party in June, has been in Tirana since 18 July. Both of these leaders have reportedly received financial support for their activities from the Chinese and they may be in Tirana under Chinese direction to arrange the forthcoming meeting.)

(The Chinese have also been actively attempting to form Afro-Asian groupings of front organizations, such as journalist, trade union, and peace associations, which would exclude the Soviet Union. They)

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(were successful in reducing the Soviet membership in the Afro-Asian Journalist group from participating to observer status at the last meeting in Indonesia.)

(The Chinese have also continued to reiterate their direct attacks on the Soviet agreement to join in the nuclear test-ban treaty in their attempt to portray the Soviet Union as a nation which has capitulated to capitalism. The North Koreans now have joined the Albanian regime in support of the Chinese charges.)

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(These charges have brought forth a bitter blast by the Soviet Union, which in a statement issued on 3 August accuses the Chinese of "political irresponsibility" and of joining with the "wild men" and extremists in the imperialist world. The statement charges that the concepts advanced by the Chinese could only be understood if they came from those "who are doomed by history, from those under whose feet the ground is shaking," and accuses the Chinese, who are trying to turn the Soviet people against the government, of having "lost their nerve.")

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Communist China: (Communist China continues to purchase large quantities of grain from the West.)

(Shipment within the next six months of the first 500,000 tons of wheat under the recently concluded three-year Chinese-Canadian grain agreement will bring total grain imports from the West this year to about 5 million tons--about the same as was imported in 1962.)

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(Canada and Australia are the main suppliers of Western grain to China. Last year these two countries shipped approximately two thirds of the Western grain going to China and in 1961 they accounted for about 4.8 million tons of the 6 million tons purchased by China. Other important suppliers are France, Argentina, Burma, and South Africa.)

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NOTES

USSR - Communist China: The 1962 Soviet foreign trade handbook confirms the further decline in Sino-Soviet trade. Trade in 1962 totaled \$749 million--an 18-percent drop from 1961 and a 64-percent drop from the high year of 1959. Chinese exports to the USSR amounted to \$516 million, while imports from the USSR amounted to only \$233 million. China's extra large trade surplus--over \$100 million more than the \$180 million needed to meet annual long-term debt obligations to the USSR--was used to make an advance payment on its \$320 million trade debt originally scheduled for repayment between 1962 and 1965.

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Iraq: Army forces are advancing on schedule in the initial phases of the renewed offensive against the Kurds. The government now expects organized resistance to end within a week, but it seems more likely that large-scale fighting will continue until bogged down by the autumn rains. The army's scorched-earth tactics in Kurdistan are forcing the government to take steps to import considerable quantities of wheat to avert famine.)

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